(c) The recommendations of the Committee will be implemented with effect from 1995-96.

UNDP Project

3231. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules with regard to payment of unskilled personnel in UNDP sanctioned projects undertaken by Ministry of Rural Development;

(b) whether it is a fact that salaries to officer will be paid in dollar and unskilled labour in rupees:

(c) whether Government have framed any rules in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has also given permission for such discriminate payments;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(0 what steps Government propose to review all such projects and the type of people being employed; and

(g) the number of people from Tamil Nadu who will be employee in UNDP projects in 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL); (a) The Ministry of Rural Development does not have any UNDP supported project under implementation.

(b) to (g) Does not an se.

Implementation of Foreign Assistance Programmes

3232. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is (he extent of financial assistance being obtained in 1994-95 and 1995-96 from foreign agencies, like UNDP;

(b) the details of the budgets and outlay of UNDP projects promised for the next two financial years, including the current year,

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of people from the Ministry will find lucrative positions in such projects;

(d) if so, the details of positions which will be reserved for officials from the Ministry;

(e) what are the reasons for not hiring top personnel from outside the Ministry, especially from NGOs for such highly-paid positions;

(f) whether a major portion of the funds will be earmarked for salaries, consultancies, travel and foreign assignments; and

(g) if so, what portion will be remaining in percentage terms, for actual implementation of UNDP projects in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (g) Financial assistance from foreign Agencies is being received in respect of following programmes:—

(i) Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas) (DWCRA): UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) reimburses one third share of revolving fund of Rs. 15,000/- given to each DWCRA (Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas) group.

(ii) Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Programme: WHO (World Health Organisation) has allocated U.S. $ 1,82,000 for 1994 and 1995 under Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Progremmes towards the costs incurred on equipments, fellowships, salary of Consultants etc.

Similarly, UNICEF has allocated assistance of U.S. $ 18.8 million for similar activities including communication, guinea worm eradication, MIS (Management Information System) etc.

A project proposal for capacity building for local governance and decentralised administration in support of sustainable development has been received from (UNDP) United Nations Development Programme.

This proposal is under preliminary stage of examination in this Ministry. A decision will be taken on the proposal in accordance with the procedure and guidelines for externally